



# Mayoral Proclamation

- Whereas** the love of libraries in Waterville, Maine, dates back to the time of municipal incorporation; and
- Whereas** the Waterville Public Library has been in continuous operation since 1896 and has been an anchor for Waterville's downtown since opening its Carnegie building in 1905; and
- Whereas** the Library offers free access to knowledge, information, and learning opportunities, allowing each citizen, if she or he chooses, to acquire the skills, knowledge, and inspiration to live a happier, healthier, more prosperous life; and
- Whereas** at the Waterville Public Library, residents and cardholders have access to more than 6 million items in a variety of formats, and can connect with opportunities to participate in diverse, creative programming ranging from job fairs to art shows to story times; and
- Whereas** the Library, in addition to presenting temporary and permanent art exhibits as well as a full calendar of free events and activities for all ages, will offer workshops for children and youth designed to encourage creative thinking, artistic expression and a lifelong love of art and creativity in the community; and
- Whereas** the Waterville Public Library is a well-used municipal resource, circulating more than 11,000,000 items since its opening more than a century ago and is a welcoming, safe place for every citizen at every stage of life; and
- Whereas** the Waterville Public Library has been designated as a finalist for the 2017 Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Medal, our nation's highest achievement of libraries and museums, honoring excellence and innovation in service to communities; and
- Whereas** it is appropriate that the City of Waterville recognize the value of the service that the Waterville Public Library provides to our community and beyond, free & open to all,

**Now therefore**, I, Nick Isgro, Mayor of the City of Waterville, Maine, do hereby declare the date of April 26, 2017, as **Waterville Public Library Love Day**, and in recognition thereof, I do urge all of our City's residents and visitors fully to enjoy and avail themselves of the many resources and opportunities offered by our Public Library in the heart of our City.

**In Witness Whereof**, I do hereby set my hands and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, Two thousand and seventeen.

Nicholas Isgro, Mayor

